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Timely Tidbits ...

34th District Court Seat Still Undecided

A *Detroit News* projection that identified challenger Brian A. Oakley as the victor in his campaign against incumbent 34th District Court Judge William Szlinis seems to have been premature, according to Wayne County elections officials, who are saying that Szlinis appears to have won the race against Oakley by a small margin. However, they stress, further investigation will continue, and official results may not be available for as long as two weeks.

SERVE's Hurst Invited to Education Program

Kathy Hurst, Project SERVE director for Romulus Community Schools, has just returned from the Michigan School Volunteers Partners (MSVP) annual statewide conference, held in Kalamazoo on November 4 and 5. The conference brings practitioners and learners together to explore the effectiveness of programs involving school volunteers, school-business partnerships, youth service-learning, school-to-work initiatives, and family involvement in the education process.

Hurst's presentation on "How To Work With and Train Teachers" was one of dozens of topics discussed at the conference, with its theme of "Get Connected '96 – Communities & Schools in Action." In all, more than 400 educators, parents, and school volunteers attended the event, which was cosponsored by the MSVP and the Michigan Department of Education.

Crafters Still Wanted

The Romulus Alumni Association is sponsoring a Fall Craft Show/Sale to be held at Romulus High School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 23. Admission for the event is free.

Table space is still available for crafters who would like to participate. For more information, please contact Marge Bergman at 941-0610. □

Metro World Centre Developers Announce Plans for Retail Complex

By Kristi Stephens

Romulus residents' long lament concerning the lack of retail shopping in their hometown may soon come to an end if Metro World Centre developers have their way.

Burton D. Farbman, chairman of The Farbman Group of Southfield, Michigan, has announced that his company – which manages Metro World for developer E. Llywd Ecclestone, Jr. – has negotiated a purchase agreement with Tanger Factory Outlet Centers, Inc., of Greensboro, North Carolina, to develop a new 136-acre, \$50-million retail center in Metro World.

Current plans call for the Tanger development to include traditional manufacturers' outlet stores and mid- and large-size retail shops, which would be enhanced by recreation and leisure attractions such as a cinema complex and specialty restaurants.

The company is no stranger to Michigan, since it already operates a West Branch outlet center that houses such brand names as Bugle Boy, Donna Karan Company Store, Liz Claiborne, London Fog, Bass, and Reebok.

Daniel Boorstein, vice-president of The Farbman Group and director of the Metro World development, says that his company sees the Tanger proposal as a scenario in which everybody wins.

"This is a winning proposal for Romulus because new retail and entertainment venues would draw customers and hundreds of new jobs to the City, as well as provide a new service to local hotel patrons," said Boorstein. "Wayne County would also benefit from the development because of the new tax base around the booming Airport district. And, of course, it's a big win for Metro World because a high-quality development of this magnitude would

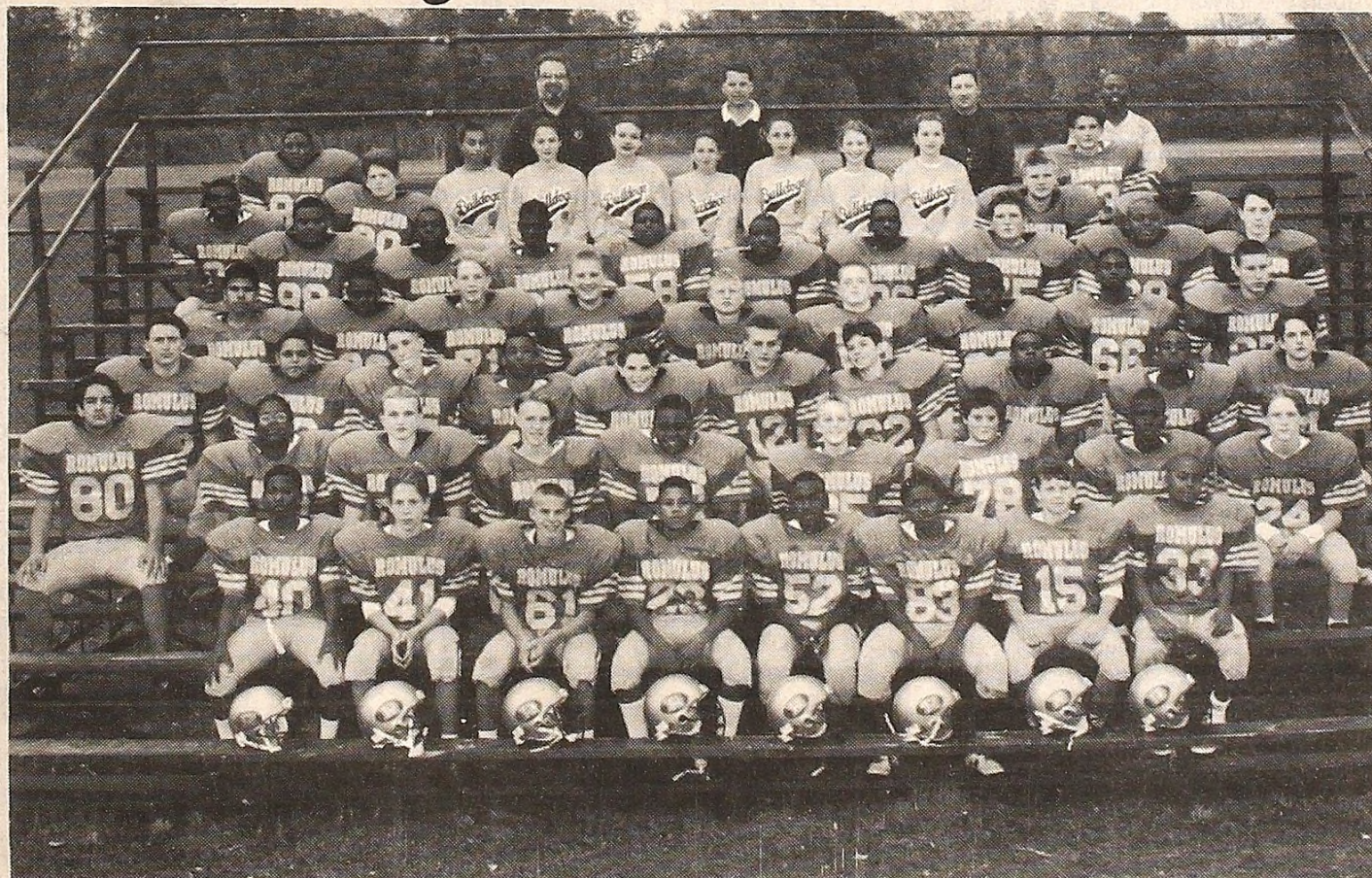
set the tone for the entire 700-acre development," he concluded.

Although the developer has just begun the process of approaching the City of Romulus for approval of its plans, Mayor William Oakley seems to be cautiously optimistic.

"Although this is far from a 'done deal,' it's certainly a lot more solid than previous proposals for the area," explained Oakley. "The Tanger group has developed similar centers all across the Country, and their reputation is very respectable. I sincerely hope that an agreement that would benefit everyone can be reached.

"This project could be the key to the ultimate success of Metro World," he added. "Eight hundred thousand square feet of retail business will generate a lot of traffic – and once that traffic becomes heavy enough, other developers will line up to take advantage of it."

RMS Bulldogs Finish with Perfect Record



Congratulations to the Romulus Middle School Bulldog football team, which recently finished its 1996 season undefeated, thanks to the hard work and dedication of both the young athletes and their mentors – Head Coach Don Foley and Assistant Coach Tom Williams. (photo by Lasting Images, Southgate)

Battery Recycling a Success One Year Later

Michigan Residents Charge Up to Recycle

The State of Michigan celebrates its first successful year of participation in a National program helping Michigan's environment through recycling nickel cadmium (NiCd) rechargeable batteries. Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton Township) recently announced at a press conference in Canton.

One year ago, Bennett, chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee, had a bill signed into law making it convenient for residents to recycle the batteries through the *Charge Up to Recycle!* program and the cooperative efforts of Michigan's retailers. When a battery is no longer rechargeable, residents simply drop it off at participating community recycling sites or retail stores and the battery is collected for recycling.

"The production and sales of NiCd batteries are increasing at a phenomenal rate due to the popularity of new products utilizing the batteries, such as cellular phones, computers, camcorders, and power tools," Bennett said. "Michigan had the foresight to prepare for recycling efforts in advance, and we thank the Michigan Retailers Association and the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation for making this program possible."

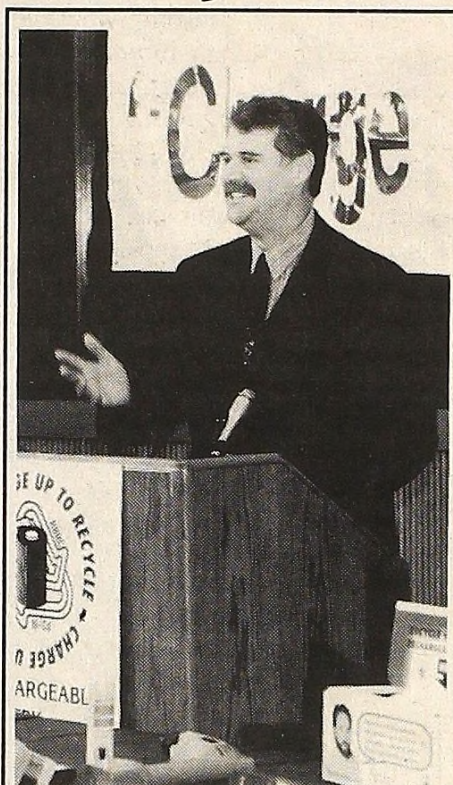
"I was proud to sign Senator Bennett's bill into law last fall," stated Governor John Engler. "Michigan is setting the example for other states through the forward-thinking actions of legislators like Bennett."

Michigan works in cooperation with the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC), a nonprofit public service organization that operates the program. Through their participation, Michigan residents are helping to conserve the Earth's natural resources and to prevent NiCd batteries from entering the Country's landfills.

"Michigan is helping to make rechargeable battery recycling a reality, and that's great for the environment," said Joel Alford, RBRC Manager of Recycling Programs. "Now we have to do our part to educate consumers that the rechargeable batteries running their cell phones and power tools can be recycled."

All batteries collected under the *Charge Up to Recycle!* program are shipped to a state-of-the-art cadmium recovery facility in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania. The recycled nickel and iron are used to make stainless steel. The recovered cadmium is used to make new rechargeable batteries.

Peter Kuhnmuensch, Vice President of Governmental Affairs for the Michigan Retailers Association, said "I am truly proud of the responsibility and



Senator Bennett promoted the importance of battery recycling at a one-year celebration of our state's participation in the RBRC.

cooperation demonstrated by Michigan's retailers who came 'on board' early. While sales of these products are increasing, it is nice to give something back to Michigan. I encourage all retailers not yet participating, to join us in this endeavor."

The *Charge Up to Recycle!* program includes a public education campaign featuring power-tool aficionado "Al" (Richard Karn) from the popular TV show, *Home Improvement*, as its national spokesperson. "As a user of power tools and a lover of cell phones, I'm proud to be part of an effort that extends from home improvements to global improvement," said Karn.

To find out more about RBRC and the recycling program, call 1-800-8-BATTERY or visit the website at www.rbrc.com. □

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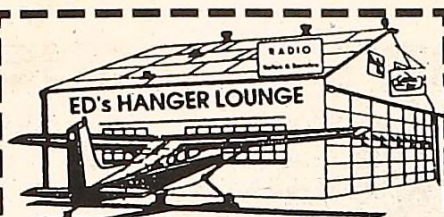
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In Search of Ways To Help Our Kids Be Successful

By *Jacque Martin-Downs, MA/MSW*

If, by magic, we could sprinkle "protection" dust on our children, what might we want to protect them *from*? Do we care about premature sexual activity? Pregnancy? Drugs, alcohol, tobacco? Deviant and antisocial behavior? Suicide? School problems? "Yes, yes, yes, all of the above," you reply. "Wouldn't it be great if I could just sprinkle the magic dust on my children every year and know that they'll not put themselves in jeopardy for any risky behaviors?"

Earth to parent: Sorry, no deal . . . but there is a very simple solution that is within a parent's or other adult's grasp. It is called the 30 ASSETS. At Search Institute, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit organization that conducts research to benefit children and youth, studies have been conducted involving over 250,000

students in grades six through 12 in the United States. As Peter C. Scales of Search remarked, "Our goal as adults should be to work together to surround children with what we call 'external assets' through the relationships and opportunities we afford them. These will help them develop the 'internal assets' - the values and skills - that they need to guide themselves."

What could these "magical" assets consist of? Glad you asked. But let's hold off for a minute while I tell you about some alarming statistics that came from the 250,000 students surveyed. First of all, the institute found that if students who enjoy 26 or more assets will be less likely to partake in high-risk behaviors; sadly, they discovered that only four percent of the students had that many. The great majority of students (62%) had 11 to 20 assets, while 14% had 10 or fewer. Clearly, there is reason for alarm. Our kids do not have enough "magic" protectors around them. So what can you - as a parent, grandparent, or friend - do?

First, examine the list of the 30 assets and honestly assess how many your kids have:

- family support,
- parent(s) as social support,
- parent communication,
- other adult resources,
- other adult communication,
- parent involvement in school,
- positive school climate,
- parental standards,
- parental discipline,
- parental monitoring,
- time at home,
- positive peer influence,
- involvement in music,
- involvement in school activities,
- involvement in community organizations/activities,
- involvement in some type of religious congregation,

- achievement motivation.
- educational aspirations,
- school performance,
- homework,
- values concerning helping people,
- concern about world hunger,
- sense of caring about other people's feelings,
- values concerning sexual restraint,
- assertiveness skills,
- decision-making skills,
- friendship-making skills,
- planning skills,
- self-esteem, and
- positive view of personal future.

On a daily basis, you can help your child or someone else's child move toward experiencing many of these assets. Post the list on your refrigerator. If you are not currently parenting, you could call up a few children and tell

them that you'd like them to join you as you pick up bottles on the side of the road, together; read to children at the library; take them out for a soda and see how they're doing; initiate an interest in music by taking them to the local symphony concert; help them plan what they're going to do next summer; help them with their homework; take them to see different friends of yours on the job; involve them in a fund-raiser for hunger; give them a ride to a church youth-group meeting; go out to support them at an extracurricular activity; or introduce them to someone you really like.

You can see that the list of things we can do to positively influence kids goes on and on. One friend once admitted that he thought his little bit of influence over a child really wouldn't make a difference. But if we all think like that, nothing will ever change. It's your influence, my influence, the mail carrier's influence, the baby-sitter's influence, the security guard's influence . . . all of us can make up the fabric of a child.

My colleague saw some young teens smoking in the park one day, and took it upon herself to go up to them and ask them about their smoking. She was neither threatening nor condemning as she described to them some of the rich poisons they were inhaling. She will never know if she made a difference, but, as she was leaving, one of the kids said, "My dad never told me there was rat poison in these."

Maybe it's true . . . we can sprinkle our kids with these assets without ever having to search for a magic potion!

For more information on building each asset, call the Search Institute at 1-800-888-7828.

Editor's note: Jacque Martin-Downs is a prevention coordinator for the Hegira Prevention Network. For more information about Hegira programs, please call 313-513-7598. □

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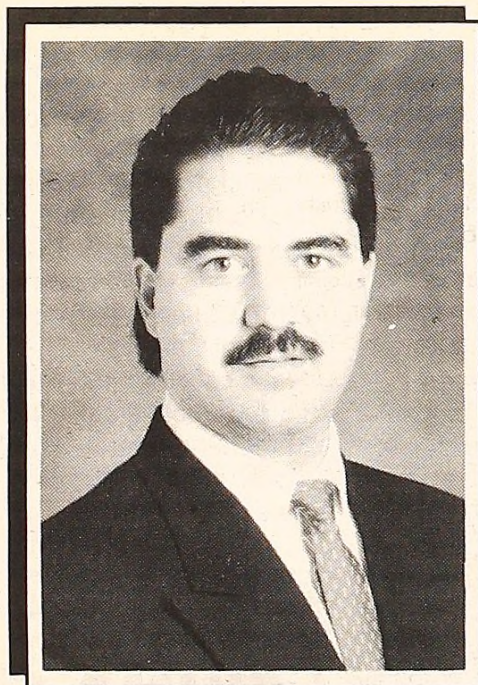
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WW Makes Holiday Baking Deliciously Guilt-free

By Florine Mark, president and CEO, Weight Watchers International

As the holidays near, my calendar is quickly starting to fill with engagements for family gatherings, get-togethers with friends, and work-place parties. There's nothing I like better than a holiday gathering and bringing a fresh-baked gift for the host.

Over the years, I've learned the tricks of the trade for entertaining and found that baking is the quickest and easiest. There's nothing better than homemade baked goods. I've found that, no matter what I bake, it's an instant hit just because it's homemade!

For breakfast or brunch, you'll be a hit with **Oatmeal Scones**. Scones are a quick bread which doesn't require kneading or time to rise. Scones are a Scottish food and are said to be named

for the Stone of Destiny, where Scottish kings were crowned.

As a great accompaniment to a salad luncheon, **Cranberry-Wheat Muffins** will steal the show. Fresh cranberries can readily be found at the market from October through December and will keep for up to a year when properly stored and frozen. For the best taste, use the freshest berries and discard any that are shriveled or discolored.

Pumpkin Apple Bread itself is a singular sensation for a sweet ending to a holiday meal. Be adventurous and try using fresh pumpkin. Small pumpkins usually have more tender and tastier flesh than larger ones. Choose a small pumpkin that is free from bruises and heavy for its size. And of course, make sure you mention that you used fresh pumpkin and you're sure to be a star.

Oatmeal Scones

(makes 6 servings)

2 1/4 ounces quick-cooking or old-fashioned oats

1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon buttermilk baking mix

1 teaspoon double-acting baking powder

2 tablespoons firmly packed light brown sugar

1/2 cup whole milk

1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons golden raisins

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In medium bowl, whisk together oats, baking mix, baking powder, and sugar. Stir in milk and raisins until just combined. Drop dough by 1/4-cup measures onto nonstick baking sheet, making 6 scones. Bake 8 to 10 minutes, until golden.

Each serving (1 scone) provides: 1 Bread, 1/2 Fruit/Vegetable, 40 Optional Calories

Per serving: 141 Calories, 3 g. Protein, 3 g. Fat, 27 g. Carbohydrate, 89 mg. Calcium, 215 mg. Sodium, 3 mg. Cholesterol, 1 g. Dietary Fiber

Source: *Weight Watchers Favorite Homestyle Recipes*

Cranberry-Wheat Muffins

(makes 8 servings)

3 tablespoons granulated sugar

2 tablespoons frozen-concentrate apple juice (no sugar added), thawed

1/2 cup cranberries

1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon golden or dark raisins

3/4 cup low-fat buttermilk (1% milk fat)

2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons margarine, melted

1 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup buckwheat flour

2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In small mixing bowl, combine sugar, 2 tablespoons water, and the apple juice concentrate, stirring to dissolve sugar. Add cranberries and raisins; stir to combine and set aside.

Using a fork, in separate small mixing bowl, beat together buttermilk, egg substitute, and margarine; set aside.

In medium mixing bowl, combine remaining ingredients; stir in buttermilk mixture, stirring until moistened. Stir in cranberry mixture.

Spray eight 2 1/2-inch nonstick muffin-pan cups with nonstick cooking spray; fill each cup with an equal amount of batter and partially fill remaining cups with water (this will prevent pan from burning and/or warping). Bake in middle of center oven rack for 20 minutes (until muffins are lightly browned and a toothpick, inserted in center, comes out dry). Transfer muffins to wire rack and let cool.

Each serving (1 muffin) provides: 1 Fat, 1 Bread, 1/2 Fruit/Vegetable, 40 Optional Calories

Per serving: 167 Calories, 4 g. Protein, 4 g. Fat, 29 g. Carbohydrate, 98 mg. Calcium, 1 mg. Cholesterol, 1 g. Dietary Fiber (this figure does not include cranberries and buckwheat flour; nutritional analyses not available)

Source: *Weight Watchers Favorite Homestyle Recipes*

Pumpkin Apple Bread

(makes 10 servings)

2 cups all-purpose flour

1/4 cup plus 1 teaspoon granulated sugar

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1 large egg

1 cup low-fat (1.5%) buttermilk

1 medium (6-ounce) apple, peeled, cored, and grated

1/2 cup cooked pureed pumpkin or canned pumpkin puree

1 teaspoon confectioners sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9"x5" loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In a large bowl, combine flour, granulated sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon.

In small bowl, beat egg; add buttermilk, apple, and pumpkin.

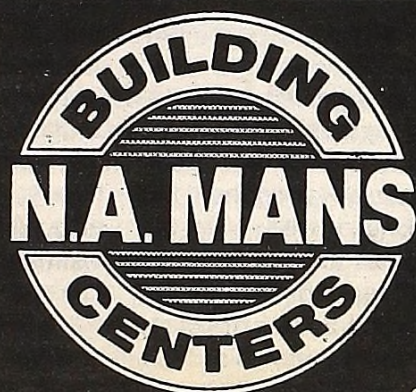
Add egg mixture to flour mixture and mix until just blended. Do not overblend.

Spoon into prepared pan and bake about 1 to 1 1/4 hours, or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes; turn out onto a rack and cool thoroughly. Dust with confectioners sugar and serve.

Each serving provides: 1 Bread, 50 Optional Calories

Per serving: 155 Calories, 2 g. Fat, 30 g. Carbohydrate, 262 mg. Sodium, 23 mg. Cholesterol, 2 g. Dietary Fiber

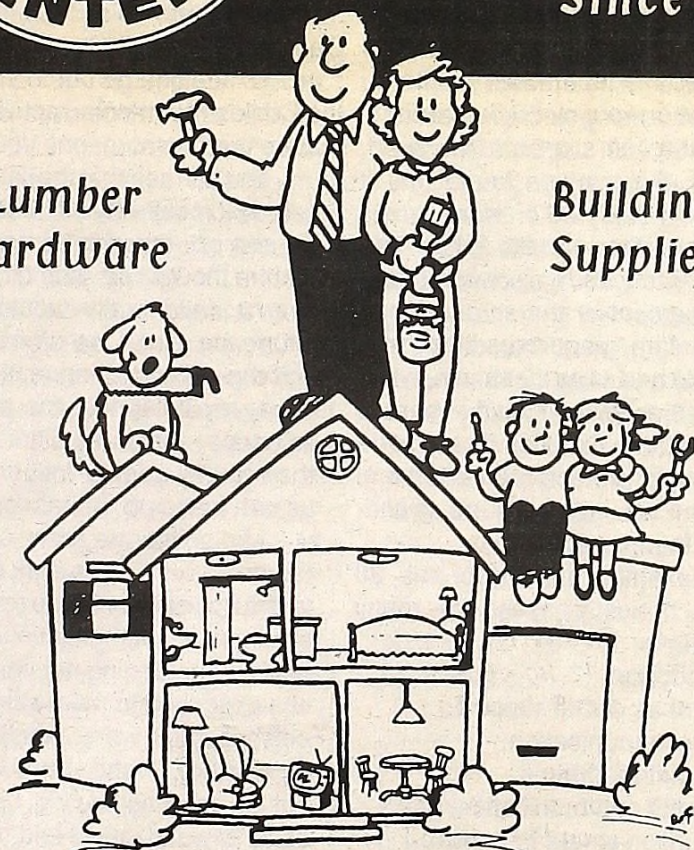
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Community Education Classes Offer Holiday How-tos

For many people, the winter holiday season is a wonderful opportunity to express their creativity. If you're such a person, and you're always on the lookout for new ideas, you're sure to find something of interest for decorating or gift-giving in the variety of one- and two-session "how-to" classes being offered by Romulus/Van Buren Community Education.

For more information on these or other classes, or to find out about registration, please call 941-0616.

Crocheted Tree Skirt

Monday and Wednesday, November 11 and 13, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Belleville High School; \$10 plus \$25 fee for supplies.

Instructor Sharon Leaman says that no prior knowledge of crocheting is necessary to finish this beautiful tree skirt in just two class sessions. Skirt is made from three-inch mill strips, and is machine washable.

Christmas Bulbs

Tuesday, November 12, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Romulus High School; \$8.

Instructor Doreen McLain will show you how to paint a darling cat with a stocking cap on a glass ornament. (Once you've learned the technique, you can do many more on your own.) Supply list is available at registration.

Gingerbread House

Tuesday, November 12, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Romulus High School; \$8 plus \$3 fee for supplies.

This miniature "gingerbread" house is ideal as a decoration under the tree or as a centerpiece on your table, says instructor Diane VanBuehler. Made from graham crackers, royal icing, and various decorative tidbits, it's a perfect vehicle for letting your imagination run wild!

Bread-making

Tuesday, November 12, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at Romulus High School; \$8 plus cost of supplies.

Learn how to bake bread from scratch, the old-fashioned way, and then use the new skills you learn from instructor Phyllis Wilkerson to make "braid" loaves and other creative breads for the holidays. Show off your talents immediately when you take home your own loaf.

Ornaments for Kids

Tuesday, November 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Romulus High School; \$5 plus fee for supplies.

Instructor Maureen Murray conducts this class for youngsters who will

learn to decorate clear bulbs with pot-pourri and/or paint, then take their creation home to show off. Open to ages five and up.

Crocheted Rugs

Oval Rag Rug - Tuesday and Thursday, November 19 and 21, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Romulus High School; \$10 plus \$25 fee for supplies. Rag Hearth Rug - Monday and Wednesday, December 2 and 4, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Belleville High School; \$10 plus \$25 fee for supplies.

Knowledge of crochet techniques is helpful, but not required in order to complete these beautiful country-style rugs in just two class sessions, according to instructor Sharon Leaman. Rugs are made from three-inch mill strips, and are machine washable.

Cookie Exchange

Tuesday, December 3, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Romulus High School; \$5 plus cost of supplies.

Chef Phyllis Wilkerson will guide the class in an evening of Christmas-cookie baking from easy, creative recipes - and, as an extra-sweet attraction, everyone will get to sample the results! Cost of supplies will be divided among students; fee goes to teacher. Details of the Cookie Exchange class will be sent upon registration.

Country Wall Decor

Thursday, December 5, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Romulus High School; \$5 plus \$10 fee for supplies.

One three-hour session is all that's needed to complete this adorable wall-hanging made from tube socks, buttons, and a wire hanger. And, says instructor Sharon Leaman, no sewing skills are necessary, even though the wall-hanging is hand-stitched. Each student should bring his/her own scissors and straight pins to class.



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Community Calendar

- **"Person of the Year" Nominees Sought** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominees for its 17th annual Romulus Person of the Year. Anyone who has made a significant contribution to the community is eligible for consideration. Nomination forms (available at the Chamber office, located in the executive conference center at the Clarion Inn, 31200 Industrial Expressway, Romulus) must be received by December 1, 1996. For more information, please call 326-4290.
- **Clothing Drive for Homeless Veterans** – The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Romulus VFW Post #9568 is sponsoring a Clothing Drive for Homeless Veterans during the month of November. New or clean used men's clothing (winter hats, winter scarves, mittens or gloves, socks, and winter sweaters) may be dropped off in the front lobby of either the Romulus Police Department (located at 11165 Olive Street) or VFW Post #9568 (located at 39270 Huron River Drive).
- **Toys for Tots** – The Outpost (located at 18855 Wahrman Road in New Boston) is currently accepting donations for the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program. Drop-offs may be made at the Outpost during its open hours (Sunday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.). For more information, contact Mary Pustelak at the Outpost (753-0522).
- **Celebration: Broadway's Best** – The Huron Civic Theatre (located at 32044 Huron River Drive in New Boston) will kick off the new season with a production of *Celebration: Broadway's Best* – a big, brassy, bodacious musical revue conceived and written by Doug Richter and Chris Devins (both of Huron Township) – on November 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, and 17. Friday and Saturday curtains are 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for students/senior citizens. For tickets or information, call 782-5380.
- **Auditions for Winter Productions** – The Huron Civic Theatre will host simultaneous auditions for its January 1997 production of *Vanities* (three challenging female roles available) and February 1997 production of *Noises Off* (parts available for four women and five men) at the Theatre (located at 32044 Huron River Drive in New Boston) from 7 to 10 p.m. on Monday, November 11, and Tuesday, November 12. For more information, call 782-5380.
- **All-you-can-eat Pancake Supper/Craft Sale** – Ball Road Tabernacle (located at 7009 Ball Road in Romulus) will host an all-you-can-eat pancake supper on Saturday, November 16, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$4 for adults; \$2 for children. Baked goods, crafts, and garage-sale items will also be available for sale. For more information, contact the Church (722-9638) or Carol (941-7125).
- **Native American Presentation at the Library** – "Two Feathers" of the Outpost in New Boston will be on hand at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) on Tuesday, November 19, at 7 p.m., to talk about local Indian history with – and show a number of artifacts to – those who are in attendance that evening. Romulus librarian Shelley DeLano says that, with the Thanksgiving season approaching, the presentation will serve as a good opportunity for reflecting on our nation's history and learning about Native American culture. For more information, contact the Library at 942-7589.
- **Romulus Little League Meetings** – The Romulus Little League Board of Directors invites the public to attend its regular meetings, held at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Romulus Recreation Department (36515 Bibbins).

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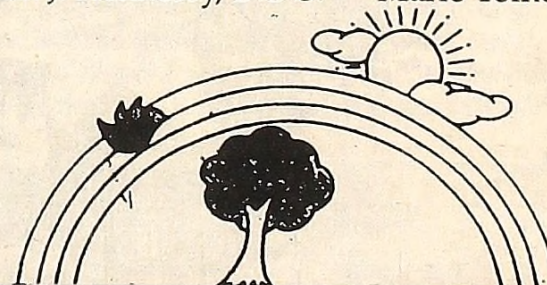
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

A Big "Thank You"

Senior Program Coordinator Linda Norman would like to say a big "thank you" to the Women's Auxillary of Romulus VFW Post #9568 for their recent cake donation. Everything was delicious, says Norman – right down to the last crumb.

Senior Crime Watch

Local senior citizens interested in learning more about what they can do to prevent crime and promote safety within their neighborhoods are invited to attend the Center's second "Senior Crime Watch" meeting, to be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, November 18. Representatives of our wonderful police department will be on hand to offer their assistance and share their expertise.

Isn't your protection and peace of mind worth an hour of your time?

Card "Clinics"

There's nothing more pleasant than spending a leisurely afternoon playing cards and visiting with friends, but many people miss out on the fun because they don't know the rules of some of the more popular games. Well, if you'd like to learn to play euchre and/or pinochle, here's your chance. The Romulus Senior Center's talented card-players will conduct free "card clinics" at the Center on November 12 and 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. So plan to come out, enjoy some light refreshments, and pick up a few pointers to put to good use at the Center's weekly euchre (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.) and pinochle (Thursdays, 1 p.m.) games!

Potluck

The Center's spectacular chefs will provide the turkey and dressing if you'll provide the trimmings at next month's potluck dinner, to be held at 3 p.m. on November 15. As always, seniors are invited to sign up at the Center if they'd like to bring a dish and bring a friend.

Other November Events

You might also want to check in at the Senior Center to find out more about other events planned for this month, such as the Wednesday, November 13 outing to the St. Clair Inn for lunch, and a trip to see *Grease* at the Fox on Monday, November 25.

Walking Club

Local seniors are invited to meet at the Center every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to ride the popular "senior van" over to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for some safe, indoor walking (at your own pace) during the fall and winter months. There is no charge to participate in this program.

Shopping Trips

For a transportation cost of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at Meijer, Kohl's, and F&M on Friday, November 22. Space is limited; payment of the transportation fee reserves your seat on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds will be made unless there is a waiting list. Sign up at the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

- **Day Trips** – Among several "day trips" planned by the Center are one to Battle Creek to see the Festival of Lights (Saturday, November 23; \$30) and one to Frankenmuth to see a performance by the Ink Spots (Friday, December 6; \$46). Sign up soon if interested.

High-toned Happenings

Just a reminder that the Romulus Senior Center's exercise class – featuring light routines designed to increase flexibility and improve strength and tone – has moved to a new time slot: Mondays at 9 a.m. The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before joining.

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and/or quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.).

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Center at least 24 hours in advance for a reservation. Home delivery of meals is also available for qualified individuals. For more information, call 1-800-851-1454.

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Editor's note: Below are the eighth and ninth in a series of biographies on local senior citizens written by Romulus High School teacher Cathy Uhring's

1995-1996 freshman English students, and published in Open Up the Doors of the Past. Watch for more biographies in future issues.

"Lives Of Women Today Are Different From Those Back Then"

By Quatisha Medley, Dru Harris and Eddie Woods

Theresa Chadwick is a funny and great person with whom to spend time. She had numerous experiences in her lifetime, such as when she was a cook at Romulus High School, where she experienced changes over the years. Today, Theresa likes to travel, cook and do many other things. She is nice and feels great about herself and her achievements in life. Some of her achievements are getting married, having children, and being able to set goals for her and her children. She has a wonderful personality and treats herself and others with respect.

Theresa was born March 27, 1920 in Birmingham, Alabama. Theresa had two sisters who are now deceased. Theresa's father died 40 years ago. Her mother is 91. Theresa and her parents did not get along, so she grew up with her aunt who lived in Detroit, Michigan.

Theresa went to Miller High School. Her favorite subject was home economics. It was her favorite subject because she could cook very well. While attending Miller High, her two most memorable teachers were her home economics teacher and her gym teacher. Theresa said, "The one thing that has really changed from then to now is that you could get hit by your teachers then."

Theresa was a very good student in

school, but she had to work all her life. "Lives of women today are different from those back then," said Theresa. Today women do not have to stay in the house, cook and clean like they used to, and they have good paying jobs like men. Theresa had many jobs, but none she liked more than being a cook at Romulus High for 18 years. She took the job because she loved to cook. After being a cook for 18 years, she finally retired after working all her life. Being an outgoing person, Theresa has done a lot of traveling since retiring.

When asked about modern technology, specifically television, Theresa said, "When I was a child, since we had no television, we listened to the radio." Also, since they had no television, she was not home but out working.

Theresa was married at the age of 17. She did not have a wedding since she and her husband did not have a lot of money. Theresa was married twice. She and her first husband were married for eight years and had two children. Her second husband died in 1989. She says she raised her children differently than how she was raised by her aunt. Her aunt gave her no freedom and was very protective. Theresa was strict with her children and disciplined them, but she tried not to be overly protective. She gives advice to teens of today, "Don't get married too soon."

"Your High School Years Are The Best Time Of Your Life . . ."

By Jennifer Keller and Sarah Stark

On March 27, 1920 Mrs. Theresa Chadwick was born in Birmingham, Alabama. Mrs. Chadwick was not raised by her parents. She was raised by her aunt. In her description of her aunt, she made a comment stating that her aunt was very strict, and very mean. She came to Detroit when she was five years old. Mrs. Chadwick grew up with two sisters and no brothers. When Mrs. Chadwick was growing up, she had to tolerate racism, more than there is today. In her childhood, she had to do chores such as cooking, cleaning, etc. Although Mrs. Chadwick had many chores, she still did fun activities such as: being in girl scouts, going camping, and going to church. While there was racism in Detroit, there was not a lot of violence, so she could feel safe doing what she had to do. Theresa Chadwick had only attended school up to grade 11. She made a statement saying that your high school years are the best time of your life, so

don't think about dropping out.

Mrs. Chadwick had been married two times. She met her first husband at a party. There was no comment on when or where she had married. Mrs. Chadwick had been married first at the age of 17. A year later, she had given birth. Her second marriage was with a man who was introduced to her by her niece. She had stated that her wedding was very small. After her marriage, she had gone to St. Louis for her honeymoon. As life went on for Mrs. Chadwick, she continued to extend her family. Her children include six boys, one of whom is deceased, and three daughters.

Mrs. Chadwick told us that her children were raised much differently from how she was raised. She had stated that the most important thing to teach your children is independence. She feels that her family is very close and that she has taken very good care of her children teaching them both discipline and respect.

Senior Profile: Theresa Chadwick



Theresa Chadwick

By Linda Norman, Senior Programs Coordinator for the City of Romulus

There is a very special lady among us who is feisty, proud, fiery, willful, strong, dedicated, stubborn, very verbal, spunky, loyal, hard working, possessed of a good sense of humor, and opinionated; she's a fantastic cook, devoted mother, adoring grandmother, true friend, and God-fearing woman. Obviously complex, she can arouse strong and mixed emotions in all who meet her. If you haven't a clue as to who our "Senior Profile" person is, it's Theresa Chadwick.

Theresa was married at just 17, and it lasted only eight years. Her second marriage to Burl Chadwick endured for 41 years until his death in 1989. Theresa has eight children, 14 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. When Theresa shows her treasured photos and tells stories about her beloved family, she just beams with pride. The love they all share is evident.

I asked Theresa if she has always been the way she is today. She gave a big laugh and said, "No, I used to be a real pushover until I got married twice. You learn fast that you need to stand up for yourself and be independent." She still has a big heart and helps others

whenever she can.

It is really hard to believe that Theresa has had time in her life for anything but work, raising her family, and church, but she will proudly tell you of her travels to Italy, France, Germany, Switzerland, St. Thomas, St. John, Hawaii, London, and Jamaica, just to name a few of the locales she has visited.

When I asked Theresa if she had any advice to offer, or any regrets in her life, our talk took on a serious tone. "I wish I hadn't married so young, because I wanted to be an LPN. I guess it wasn't meant to be. Lucky for me that my aunt started me off cooking by the time I was 10 years old. It sure came in handy later on in my life with the large family and different jobs I had. I sure wish kids would get their education, do some traveling, and not get married so young."

Theresa sees herself as a strong, liberated woman. "I feel I was a good mother in spite of the mistakes I've made," she said. Her children all agree that she's a number-one mom. Theresa told me that she always tried to teach them independence, and enforced the importance of education and work ethics, as well as the value of family. I say, "Job well done, Theresa."

I greatly respect and admire Theresa Chadwick. I only hope that she remembers her friends when she does some of that baking she's famous for. □

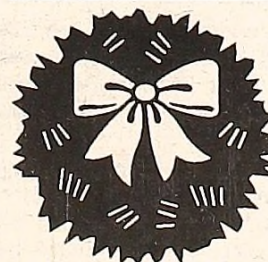
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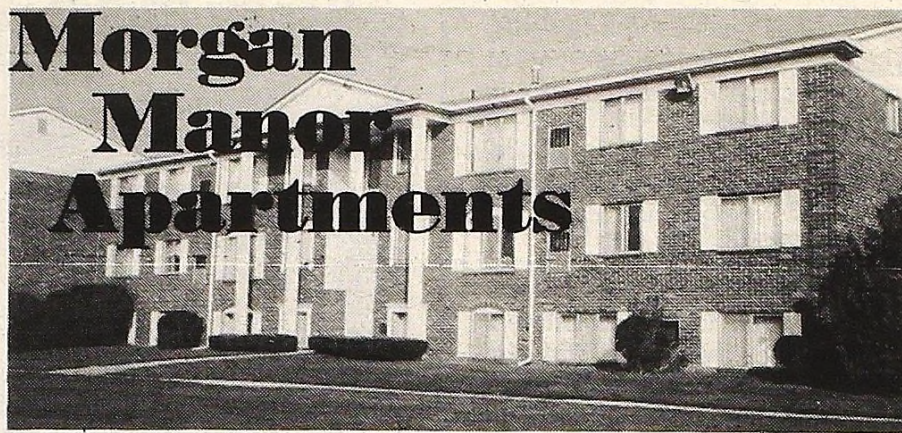
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REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 14, 1996

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, October 14, 1996 was called to order by President Kenneth E. Berlinn at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Langley absent (excused). All Administrators were present. Mrs. Langley entered the meeting at 7:34 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, requested that the Agenda be amended as follows: Add Item VII. G. "Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members" under Report of the Superintendent.

10/96/1 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Lenossi to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

10/96/2 Moved by Woods supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Minutes of September 23 and 30, 1996 meetings as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Public Hearing – Annual Report

The Board of Education offered the public an opportunity to discuss the District's Annual Report.

Student Exclusion

10/96/3 Moved by Langley supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education agrees with and adopts the Decision of the Hearing Officer that Tranell Fobbs did violate the Student Code of Conduct by attempting to sell marijuana and that the Student's actions constituted a gross misdemeanor. The Board further agrees with the Hearing Officer's recommended disciplinary action that Tranell Fobbs be permanently excluded from attending schools within the Romulus Community School District. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Executive Session

10/96/4 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations and contracts. Roll call vote showed Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:55 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:15 P.M.

Personnel Recommendations

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval:

EMPLOYMENT: Alexa Azzopardi, Teacher, Halecreek, Effective October 10, 1996; Patricia Coleman, Teacher, Halecreek, Effective October 10, 1996; Lori Fritz, Teacher, Barth School, Effective October 10, 1996; Kirsten Garrity, Teacher, Halecreek, Effective October 10, 1996; Patricia McCollum, PE Teacher – 1/2 time, Wick/Halecreek, Effective October 10, 1996; and Linda Speight, Teacher, Wick, Effective October 10, 1996.

Mr. Michael Woods stated that he felt that the hiring practices should reflect the diversity of the community.

EMPLOYMENT: Paraprofessionals: Robin Kiser, Kindergarten Para, Merriman, Effective September 30, 1996; Roxanne Kucharski, Kindergarten Para, Halecreek, Effective September 30, 1996; Donna Wilson, Kindergarten Para, Halecreek/Wick, Effective September 30, 1996; Judy Wilson, Kindergarten Para, Cory, Effective September 30, 1996; and Wade Cook, In-House Para, Cory, Effective September 30, 1996.

10/96/5 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Lenossi that the Board approve the employment of four kindergarten paraprofessionals and one in-house paraprofessional as recommended by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Calvin Rucker, Custodian, Effective September 18, 1996.

10/96/6 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Lenossi to approve the Unpaid Leave of Absence for Calvin Rucker, Custodian, as recommended by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ROMULUS-BARON'S TEACHERS: Wynee Cooper, Romulus-Baron's Teacher, Effective September 23, 1996; Heather Carson, Romulus-Baron's Teacher, Effective September 23, 1996; Bernedette Kirkland, Romulus-Baron's Teacher, Effective September 23, 1996; and Manis Johnson, Romulus-Baron's Teacher, Effective September 23, 1996.

REMOVE FROM ROMULUS-BARON'S LIST: Donald Fawl, Romulus-Baron's Teacher, Effective September 23, 1996; Joel Marwil, Romulus-Baron's Teacher, Effective September 23, 1996; and Verlina Brewer, Romulus-Baron's Teacher, Effective September 23, 1996.

10/96/7 Moved by Gondek supported by Lenossi to approve the Romulus-Baron's Teachers as recommended by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 (Langley). Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, presented the bills for payment for Board approval.

10/96/8 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley to approve Bills for Payment as recommended by Mr. Joel R. Carr. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Gift – Merriman School

10/96/9 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Lenossi to accept the recommendations of the Superintendent and accept the gift of funds described in the attached memo from the Merriman P.T.C. and match that gift for playground equipment in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Athletic Report – Dan Hurst

10/96/10 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the three-year athletic proposal as submitted by Mr. Daniel Hurst, High School Principal. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience addressed the Board concerning the following topics: additional sports programs, Project "SERVE", Baron's Schools, new elementary-school teachers, and special-needs students.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items with the Board of Education: 1) Finance Minutes; 2) High School Annual Report; 3) WCRESA – Interdisciplinary Team; 4) Alumni "Thanks" – High School Tour; 5) Dolan – School-to-Work Appointment; 6) City Council "Thanks" – Rod Hanna; and 7) "Thanks" for Linda Stock.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

None.

Executive Session – Negotiations

10/96/11 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations and personnel agreement. Roll call showed Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

10/96/12 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Lenossi that the Agreement and Release and Discharge of All Claims between Richard Wizgird, the Wayne County MEA/NEA and the School District be approved and that the Secretary of the Board of Education be authorized to sign the Agreement. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

10/96/13 Moved by Langley supported by Gondek that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard J. Kesner, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

Obituaries

Floyd M. Crandall

Floyd M. Crandall of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, November 2, 1996. He was 74 years old.

Born December 8, 1921, Floyd was a native of Detroit, Michigan. In 1940, he joined the United States Marines, and was stationed in Iceland when Pearl Harbor was attacked. He also served in Finland, New Zealand, and Guadalcanal before being given a medical discharge in December 1943 because he had contracted malaria.

It was while Floyd was in the hospital at Great Lakes that he met his soon-to-be wife, Jessie, who was a Navy nurse. The couple lived in Romulus for most of their married life.

Floyd was employed as a mechanic for Mills Baking Company, repairing delivery trucks, before becoming a maintenance man at the Wayne County 4-H Fairgrounds.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Rita; a son-in-law, David; two granddaughters, Stephanie and Shannon; a brother; and two nephews.



Floyd Crandall

Arrangements were made by Voran Funeral Home (Allen Park, MI).

Interment was at Mt. Hope Cemetery (Livonia, MI).

Mildred R. Polenz

Mildred R. (Boltz) Polenz of New Boston, Michigan, died on Sunday, October 27, 1996, at the age of 77.

A native of Romulus, Michigan, Mildred was born on January 8, 1919.

Surviving Mildred are three sons, Karl, James, and Earl Polenz; one brother, Melvin Boltz; one sister, Mrs. William (Irene) Sellers; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband Carl and one sister, Bernice.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 30, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (New

Boston, MI), with the Reverend Robert Allmann officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). □

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SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 22, 1996

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, October 22, 1996 was called to order at 6:37 P.M. by President Kenneth E. Berlin.

Member Sandra F. Langley was absent (excused). All Administrators were present. Mrs. Langley entered the meeting at 6:55 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kenneth E. Berlin.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Carolyn Rakotz and Sherrie Sparks – Empowerment

Carolyn Rakotz gave a detailed explanation of mastery learning and answered questions. Sherrie Sparks showed a video of a management system to handle the Board's initiatives and answered questions.

ADJOURNMENT:

10/96/14 Moved by Lenossi supported by Gondek that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard J. Kesner, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

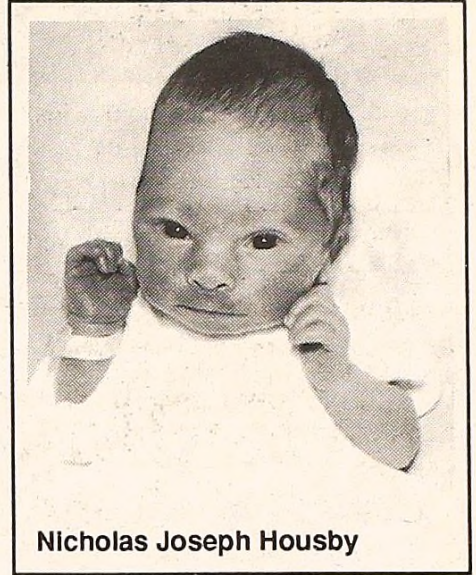
The Stork Arrived

Nicholas Joseph Housby

Proudly announcing the birth of their new son, Nicholas Joseph, are Dennis and Gail (Milligan) Housby of Rock Island, Illinois.

Born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 3:46 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, 1996, Nicholas weighed in at three pounds, 11 ounces, and measured 18 inches.

Giving the new arrival a warm welcome were big brothers Dennis James Jr. (age 17), Joshua Ryan (16), Timothy Lee (13), and David Andrew (4), as well as paternal grandparents Edward and Margaret Housby (Rock Island, IL) and maternal grandparents Robert and Diane Milligan (Romulus, MI) and Velma Dudley (Belleville, MI).



Nicholas Joseph Housby

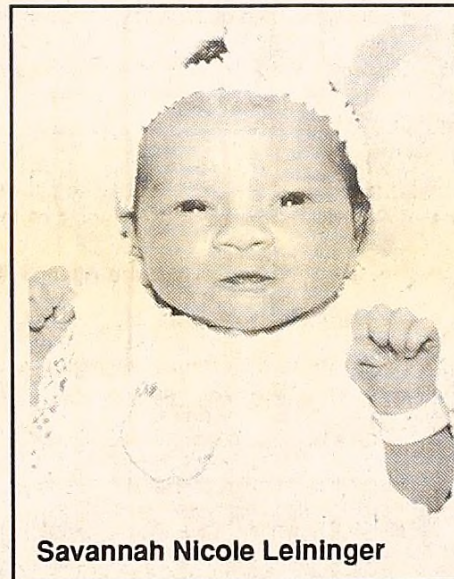
Savannah Nicole Leininger

Joy Leininger and Tracy Holtschlag of Canton, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Savannah Nicole.

Savannah was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 3:35 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, 1996, weighing in at six pounds, 11 ounces, and measuring 20 inches.

Welcoming Savannah into her new family were her paternal grandparents, Jerry Leininger (Defiance, OH) and Kyoko Higa (Romulus, MI), and her maternal grandparents, Terry and Gloria Holtschlag (Romulus, MI).

Aunts Brandi Leininger and Jennifer Holtschlag are also especially proud of their new niece.



Savannah Nicole Leininger

Noelle Christine Williams

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Noelle Christine, are Ray and Mary Ann Williams of Lincoln Park, Michigan.

Noelle was born in Seaway Hospital (Trenton, MI) at 7:45 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 1996, weighing in at seven pounds, 10 ounces, and measuring 20 inches in length.

Especially excited about their baby sister's arrival were her big brothers, Raymond Joseph II (six years old) and Derrek Ryan (age three).

Noelle's paternal grandparents are the late Ray Williams, the late Trudy Williams, and Mary Ann Williams (Romulus, MI); Marie Williams (Westland, MI) and Ann Frankowski (Canton, MI) are her paternal great-grandmothers.

Maternal grandparents are John and Jo Ann Bryant (Woodhaven, MI); Dorothy Usher (Woodhaven, MI) is her maternal great-grandmother. □



Noelle Christine Williams

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